

Part E

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION (Unaudited)

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The stewardship objective of Federal financial reporting includes accountability for Stewardship Investments.

STEWARDSHIP INVESTMENTS

Stewardship investments are expenses and investments incurred for education and training of the public that is intended to increase national economic productive capacity (investment in human capital), and research and development intended to produce future benefits.

Human Capital—Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

FY 2006 Net Cost of Operations: \$110 Million

The Forest Service's Job Corps Civilian Conservation (Job Corps) Centers, in coordination with the Department of the Interior (DOI) National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Reclamation, continued "Empowering Youth and Enhancing Communities and Natural Resources."

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), the Forest Service operates 19 Job Corps Centers. Job Corps is the only Federal residential employment and education training program for economically challenged young people ages 16 to 24. The purpose of the program is to provide young adults with the skills necessary to become employable, independent, and productive citizens. The program is administered in a structured, coeducational, residential environment that provides education, vocational and life skills training, counseling, medical care, work experience, placement assistance and followup, recreational opportunities, and biweekly monetary stipends. Job Corps students choose from a wide variety of careers, such as urban forestry, heavy equipment operations and maintenance, business, clerical, carpentry, culinary arts, painting, cement and brick masonry, welding, auto mechanics, health services, building and apartment maintenance, warehousing, and plastering.

Job Corps is funded from DOL annually on a program year; the fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. During Job Corps' FY 2006, accomplishments included the following:

- 8,732 participants received 4,116 placements with an average starting hourly wage of \$.55 more than the DOL national average.
- Approximately 1,806 female students received training in nontraditional vocations.
- 634 students received high school diplomas, and 1,429 students obtained general equivalency diplomas.
- Approximately 1,223 Job Corps students and staff assisted the agency in its firefighting efforts.
- Students accomplished conservation work appraised at \$26.4 million on NFS lands.

Since 1964, the Forest Service's Job Corps Centers have trained and educated more than 300,000 young men and women. On January 10, 2005, the agency successfully transferred the Mingo Job Corps Center from the DOI Fish and Wildlife Service to the USDA Forest Service.

Research and Development—Forest and Rangeland Research

FY 2006 Net Cost of Operations: \$318 Million

Of the \$318 million, \$296 million was an investment of Research and Development funding (FRRE), and \$22 million was an investment of National Fire Plan funding (FRF2).

Forest Service Research and Development provides reliable, science-based information that is incorporated into natural resource decisionmaking. Efforts consist of developing new technology and then adapting and transferring this technology to facilitate more effective resource management. Major research strategic program areas include the following:

- Fire
- Invasives
- Recreation
- Research Management and Use
- Water and Air
- Fish and Wildlife
- Research Data and Analysis

Research staff are involved in all areas of the Forest Service, supporting agency goals by providing more efficient and effective methods where applicable.

A representative summary of FY 2006 accomplishments using Forest Service appropriated funds include the following:

- 54 new interagency agreements and contracts
- 15 interagency agreements and contracts continued
- 1,691 articles published in journals
- 1,817 articles published in all other publications
- 7 patent granted
- 1 right to inventions established